

mounted and which allow limited movement of the ring relative to the remainder of the support.

--27. (new) An applicator according to claim 25, wherein the support is selected from the following:

(a) a support made from a material which has a buoyancy slightly higher than that of the paint;

(b) a support having a cellular nature; and

(c) a support having a cellular nature wherein the cells are small so that air trapped in the cells is inhibited from escaping if the support is tilted.

--28. (new) An applicator according to claim 25, wherein, in cross section, the support is of inverted channel-shape to assist the support to float.

--29. (new) An applicator according to claim 25, wherein the support has an axially directed flange to increase paint drag and to inhibit dunking of the support in the paint.

--30. (new) In combination a paint container which includes a lid and an applicator according to claim 25 inside the container.

--31. (new) A method of dispensing paint from a container which includes the steps of positioning a support on a surface of the paint, the support including fluid applicator engaging means and at least one opening and constructed so that the fluid applicator engaging means floats at or on the said paint surface, and moving a roller over the fluid